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 Serial No. : 09/830,858  
 For : SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
 Filed : May 1, 2001  
 Examiner : Yogesh K. Aggarwal  
 Art Unit : 2622

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	44	Minus	** = 84	*0x	\$50 (25)	= \$0
Independent claims	13	Minus	*** = 24	*0x	\$200 (100)	= \$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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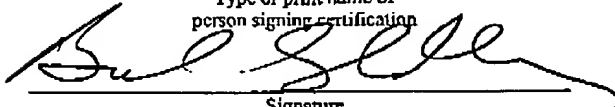
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows: